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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets were unchanged in the West, but usually trended higher in the East and Midwest when compared to a week earlier. Retail and food service demand was good to moderately active for early week business. Overall, offerings were reported as well cleared to adequate for immediate trade needs. The undertone ranged from steady to firm. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good. Breast items were noted as barely adequate, drumsticks and thigh meat were well cleared. Wings were irregular, but generally sufficient for current needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 08-MAY-2006 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	55.57
Chicago	47.00-50.00	48.83	37 :	50.70
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	50.13
Denver	74.50	74.27	14 :	75.09
Detroit	48.00-51.00	50.91	11 :	54.09
Los Angeles	75.00	72.33	67 :	67.87
New York	47.00-50.00	49.38	24 :	54.58
Philadelphia	46.50-48.00	47.27	11 :	49.52
Pittsburgh	46.00-49.00	47.64	11 :	57.46
St. Louis	47.00-48.25	47.69	20 :	50.51
San Francisco	75.50	74.03	33 :	74.62

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	05/15/06	Change/Last Wk	05/08/06	05/16/05
630	58.81	.72	58.09	72.14

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	53.50-55.00	54.62	34
Central	48.00-57.00	54.27	77
Western	52.00-62.00	61.62	40
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	66.00-68.00	67.00	93

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 67.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,119	46.00-70.00	66.32
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:		
	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	143.50	1,508
BREASTS - B/S	117.50	6,233
BREASTS - WHOLE	60.00	1,588
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.00	1,202
LEG QUARTERS	23.50	9,696
WINGS	83.50	3,128

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fairly good to mostly good as dealers look to refill pipelines following the Mother's Day weekend. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was at least steady to instances firm. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance to short; leg cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady in the major terminal markets as prices trended unchanged in the West and East, but slightly higher in the Midwest when compared to a week earlier. Demand for early week was fair to moderately good as stores replenish product for regular business. Overall, offerings were still generally sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was fairly good with product clearing on white meat and most dark meat items. Wings were reported as usually in fair balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to firm. Trading reported for this week's delivery at generally unchanged prices on regular commitments and unchanged to higher prices on new negotiations. Offerings were in fair balance with small sized product in the best position. Buying activity increased for local product on WOGs in the north-west and on bagged whole body in the southwest. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best where specials planned. Dealers reported good overall weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted averages was up 3.14 to 55.14 and the volume reported at 28 loads was unchanged from last week's level.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Whole broiler/fryer majority prices increased from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was steady to firm. Offerings were available on mixed trade buying. Retail activity was slow to moderate at best. Food service was light to fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate; sizes desirable. Parts supplies were in close balance with leg cuts in tightest position. The market tone was steady to firm on dark meat lines and breast cuts; wings steady.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained good as buyers looked to refill pipelines depleted in advance of and during the Mother's Day weekend. Offerings were adequate to closely cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 48 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Breasts items were barely adequate to short of current inquiry. Leg quarters were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Drums, thighs and boneless/skinless thighs were well cleared. Wings were fully adequate to ample.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	42-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was at least moderate to mostly good entering the week. Offerings of breast items and boneless skinless thigh meat were in good balance to well cleared. Leg cuts were adequate to closely cleared. Wings were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items, boneless skinless thigh meat, drums and thighs. Other items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	125	108.96	599,400
TENDERLOINS	100-105	100.39	185,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	70.95	50,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	65.00	81,000
LEGS	37-38	34.79	146,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	22.69	344,560
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	28.81	118,400
THIGHS	28-29	33.80	82,885
B/S THIGHS	83-84	80.39	131,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	71.89	247,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.72	13,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.70	6,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.82	13,200

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,263	85.00-198.00	110-114	111.22
TENDERLOINS	284	120.00-159.00		131.06
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,864	16.00-26.00	23-25	23.72
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,748	19.00-26.00	25-26	25.32
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,333	22.00-30.00	24	23.76

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	05/15	05/11	05/11	05/08	05/04
Alabama	3,987	4,081	4.94	3,992	5.32
Arkansas	5,466	5,352	5.23	5,111	5.25
Delmarva	2,257	2,271	5.61	2,283	5.78
KY-LA-TN	2,319	2,301	4.91	2,308	5.03
Mississippi	2,826	2,864	5.70	2,888	5.79
North Carolina	2,549	2,529	6.70	2,540	6.76
Texas	2,484	2,527	5.20	2,551	5.31
Total	21,888	21,925	5.41	21,673	5.55
Mon	21,888(A)			21,673(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-May 2005 is estimated to be 32,747,000 up 0.69 percent from a week ago. and up 3.0 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,523,000 last year 31,804,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	702	104.00-175.00	117-125	117.85
TENDERLOINS	183	95.00-162.00	99-102	100.31
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	60.00-72.00	64-68	66.12
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	163	32.00-38.00	34	34.01
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	635	23.00-28.00	24-25	24.72
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,040	22.00-29.00	26-27	25.73
WINGS (WHOLE)	175	60.00-79.00	73-75	71.77
WINGS (CUT)	345	80.00-96.00	88-92	89.48
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAY 15, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.00 - 44.00	41.53	39.97

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 15-MAY-TO 19-MAY-2006

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	101.00 - 121.00	105.00 - 112.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	56.00 - 81.00	61.00 - 65.00
LEGS	27.00 - 41.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18.00 - 35.00	24.00 - 26.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	25.00 - 37.00	26.00 - 28.00
DRUMSTICKS	22.00 - 38.00	-
THIGHS	28.00 - 37.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	68.00 - 100.00	81.00 - 86.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 48.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 58.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80.25-98.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83.75-100.75
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	94-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-105
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

#### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 89-103
	DRY PACK 108-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100
	DRY PACK 111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 88-102
	DRY PACK 102-109
DUCKS	185-190

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

MAY 12, 2006				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	15.00-16.00	320,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.63		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.75-20.00	12.00-15.00	1,576,000	936,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.07	12.88		
20% OR MORE	-	14.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

MAY 12, 2006				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS	20.00	16.00	101,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-19.50	13.00-17.00	1,359,200	630,400
WTD AVERAGE	16.07	14.46		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was no better than fair for the least adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was light to fair at best. The undertone was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-MAY-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-14	11-12	11.67
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices are lower compared to the past weeks trading. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-MAY-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-14.75	10-12.5	11.17

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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